

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISCAL YEAR 1953, AMOUNTING TO \$2,750,000, IN THE FORM OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET

APRIL 22 (legislative day, APRIL 14), 1952.—Read; referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 22, 1952.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of the Congress proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$2,750,000, for the Department of the Interior, in the form of amendments to the budget for said fiscal year.

The details of these proposed appropriations, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their submission at this time are set forth in the attached letter from the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN:

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington 25, D. C., April 21, 1952.

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The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1953, in the amount of \$2,750,000, for the Department of the Interior, in the form of amendments to the budget for said fiscal year, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Budget page	Heading	Original estimate	Change to—	Increase
757	Management of lands and resources..... (At the end of the first paragraph under this head insert the following proviso): : <i>Provided further, That there shall be credited to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury from the proceeds, received after July 1, 1952, of salvage timber sales from the revested Oregon and California grant lands, the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands, and other public lands, and before any other distribution of such proceeds is made pursuant to law (39 Stat. 222, 50 Stat. 875, 53 Stat. 753, 31 U. S. C. 711, 43 U. S. C. 1187), the sum of \$700,000, to be derived from such sales from said lands in the same proportion as expenditures are made for timber salvage operations on each of said lands</i>	\$10, 750, 000	\$11, 450, 000	\$700, 000
759	Construction..... (At the end of the paragraph under this head, insert the following proviso): : <i>Provided further, That there shall be credited to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury from the proceeds, received after July 1, 1952, of salvage timber sales from the revested Oregon and California grant lands, the reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands, and other public lands, and before any other distribution of such proceeds is made pursuant to law (39 Stat. 222, 50 Stat. 875, 53 Stat. 753, 31 U. S. C. 711, and 43 U. S. C. 1187), the sum of \$2,050,000, which shall be in addition to any other amounts required to be so credited and shall be derived from such sales from said lands in the same proportion as expenditures are made for timber salvage operations on each of said lands.</i>	700, 000	2, 750, 000	2, 050, 000
760	Administrative provisions: (Delete the paragraph under this head and insert in lieu thereof the following): Appropriations for the Bureau of Land Management shall be available for purchase of not to exceed [twenty-nine] <i>forty-five</i> passenger motor vehicles, of which <i>thirty-one</i> shall be for replacement only; purchase, erection, and dismantlement of temporary structures, and alteration and maintenance of necessary buildings and appurtenant facilities to which the United States has title: <i>Provided, That of appropriations herein made for the Bureau of Land Management expenditures in connection with the revested Oregon and California Railroad and reconveyed Coos Bay Wagon Road grant lands shall be reimbursed from the 25 per centum referred to in section C, title II, of the Act approved August 28, 1937, of the special fund designated the "Oregon and California Land Grant Fund" and section 4 of the Act approved May 24, 1939, of the special fund designated the "Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant Fund".</i>			

The proposed supplemental appropriations are necessary to provide for the salvage sales of Federal timber blown down by windstorms on the Pacific coast on December 4, 1951, and other wind-thrown, fire- and beetle-killed timber on public lands, and to provide for the con-

struction of access roads to inaccessible areas where this timber is located. These sales will help meet the present demand for timber and, at the same time, bring additional revenue to the Federal Government. Language is provided to offset the cost incurred in this program before the distribution of receipts is made pursuant to certain formulas now in effect. The administrative provisions have been amended to provide for the purchase of nine additional passenger motor vehicles.

Delay in prosecuting this program will decrease the volume of timber that can be salvaged because of deterioration, thus resulting in loss of revenue. Moreover, the early harvest of this timber will decrease fire hazards and the danger of beetle infestations developing and spreading to green timber.

These proposed supplemental appropriations were not included in the budget because the storms creating the greatest damage occurred in December 1951.

I recommend that the foregoing proposed supplemental appropriations be transmitted to the Congress.

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